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Statement showing the portion of unreserves declared as reserved forests in the Salem district from 1901—*cont.*

Name of reserve.	Area in acres.	Classification according to Mr. Whitehead.
North Salem division.		
Shelur	13,425	I
Asiyur Shola	1,090	I
Gundur	2,464	I
Shelur Extension	532	I
Vengamudi	212	I
Periasholai	838	I
Vengarai	327	I
Vedambiyam	3,102	I
Veppadi	3,447	I
Paithur	13,145	I
Atur-Manmalai	3,726	I
Bailnad	13,427	Not classified.
Adukkam-Pudukombai	4,452	Not classified.
Peruamalmalai	4,503	Not classified.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide item III on page 389 supra.]

I

BILL No. 8 OF 1925.

Report of the Select Committee on Mr. Veerian's Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 (Act No. XIV of 1920).

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

We, the members of the Select Committee appointed to consider Mr. Veerian's Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 (Bill No. 8 of 1925), have the honour to submit the following report.

2. The Bill was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English on the 5th May 1925, in Tamil on the 12th May 1925, in Telugu, Malayalam and Kanarese on the 19th May 1925 and in Oriya on the 2nd June 1925.

3. The Committee met on the 10th February and 19th March 1926. The following are the main changes made in the Bill.

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4. *Clause* 2.—The Committee considered that a substantive provision should be made to declare the right of all members of the public irrespective of caste or creed to the use of public roads constructed or maintained at the cost of local funds and that a penalty should be provided for obstruction of the user of such roads. The proposed section 157-A has been redrafted accordingly.

5. *Clause* 3.—This has been omitted as the Committee considered that the Bill should be confined for the present to public roads and markets.

6. *Clause* 4.—The proposed addition to section 167 has been slightly modified so as to conform to the wording of proposed section 157-A.

7. *Clause* 5.—Necessary amendments have been made in this clause with reference to the alterations in clauses 2 to 4.

8. The Committee have made some verbal alterations in the form of the Bill.

9. A copy of the Bill as amended by the Select Committee is appended. The Committee do not consider that the Bill has been so altered as to require republication.

P. RAMARAYANINGAR.
K. V. REDDI.
A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR.
T. R. V. SASTRI.
T. M. MOIDOO.
J. A. SALDANHA.*
M. KRISHNAN NAIR.
M. C. RAJAH.
R. VEERIAN, M.L.C.
SAHIB MEHRBAN-I-DOSTAN SRI RAMACHANDRA MARDARAJA DEO, *Zamindar of Kallikota.*
R. SRINIVASAN.*
A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR.

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* Subject to a minute of dissent.

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MINUTES OF DISSENT.

I

I am against any special penalties for obstruction in the use of a public road or market for which there is provided a punishment under section 341, Indian Penal Code, up to one month's simple imprisonment or a fine of Rs. 500 or both. I cannot trace any provision in the Municipal or the Local Boards Act which duplicates penalties in the case of offences punishable under the penal code:—

(2) Besides it seems to me that the proper place for the additional section as to roads under clause (2) would be in or after section 60 of the Local Boards Act which vests all public roads in local bodies. The provision as to public markets appears superfluous.

1st *June* 1926. J. A. SALDANHA.

II

I regret I cannot agree to the omission of the clause (3) of the Bill dealing with springs, tanks, wells, etc. The object of the Bill being to bring the provisions contained in the G.O. No. 2660, L. & M., of the 25th September 1924, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* to be definitely accepted and announced as the policy of the Government, and make them into law, the breach of which would be punishable under the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the omission goes not only to neglect the recommendation of the Legislative Council and the policy of the Government, but it will give an inference to the public that the public springs, tanks and wells are not accessible to any person belonging to the Depressed classes. Since the publication of the above Government Order several tanks and wells were made accessible to the members of the Depressed classes. There will be a reaction by the omission of the clause (3) of the Bill. In the interest of the Depressed and other similar communities, I think that the tanks and wells also should be included in the Bill as provided for in clause (3) aforesaid.

POONAMALLEE,
14*th June* 1926. R. SRINIVASAN.

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II

Appendix.

BILL No. 8 OF 1925.

A

BILL

TO

Amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 (*Act No. XIV of* 1920).

(As amended by the Select Committee.)

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the "Madras Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1926."

2. After section 157 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 (**hereinafter referred to as the said Act**), **the following section shall be inserted, namely—**

"157-A. All roads vested in or maintained by the local boards shall be open to persons of whatever caste or creed."

3. In section 167 **of the said Act,** after the words "public markets," the following words **shall be added, namely—**

"and such markets shall be open to **persons of whatever caste or creed."**

4. In Schedule VIII to the **said Act—**

(1) after the **item relating to** section 157, the following **item shall be inserted, namely—**

157-A. Obstructing a person in the use of roads.	One hundred rupees.

(2) after the **item relating to** section 166, the following **item shall be inserted, namely—**

167. Obstructing a person in the use of public markets.	One hundred rupees.